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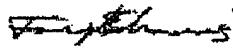
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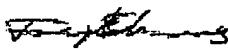
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Responsive to the written restriction requirement of November 4, 2005, Applicant  
hereby elects without traverse:

Group II claims 21-30, drawn to a method of making a composite intermediate  
layer, classified in class 156, subclass 196.

Applicant further reserves all rights with regard to filing a divisional application  
to those claims and subject matter within Group I.

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